(m) Under the Industrial Licensing & Promotional activity, additional industrial capacity has been approved for manufacture of sonar sub-systems/systems, navigational aids, simulators, opto-electronics thermal imagers & lasers sighting system for tanks.

(n) Four Centres for Electronics Design & Technology (CEDT) have been set up in Bangalore, Srinagar, Aurangabad and Imphal to meet the growing demand for engineering competence in the area of design & technology of Electronics equipment. Another Centre at Calicut has been planned. These centres will cater to the needs of development of special manpower for electronics industry and design and development activities.

With the experience gained so far in CEDT programme, speedy steps are being taken to establish training centres for Electronics Entrepreneurship and Design service in different States (Punjab, Bihar, Rajasthan and Kerala have been identified) to strengthen the base of Electronics Industry, at a cost of about Rs. 6 crores each.

New tank overhauling facilities

*159. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have new tank overhauling facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To repair and overhaul T-72 tanks, Government have planned to set up an Army Base Workshop, and a System Based Ordnance Depot, at Dehu Road in Maharashtra. Defence land measuring 790 acres is available at Dehu Road for this project. The total estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 225 crores. The project is scheduled to be completed by 1992-93.

Formulation of scheme for artificial rains

*160. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme for artificial rains in the country so as to save the crops;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States where such schemes on artificial rains are likely to be worked out;

(c) by when such a proposal is likely to be carried out in all the States in the country; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Experiments in artificial rain-making have been carried out in some parts of the country in the past. It is now envisaged to formulate a scheme for artificial rain-making over selected catchment areas of reservoirs for increased availability of water for power generation and irrigation. This is intended to help in agricultural operations in the neighbourhood of those areas.

(b) to (d) Details are yet to be worked out.

Ocean Development in India

1004. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the details of the

new developments in the area of ocean development in India in the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): All the scientific programmes of the Department of Ocean Development such as survey of living and non-living resources, deep seabed mining, Antarctic expeditions, human resource development, control and prevention of marine pollution, harnessing of energy from the sea, marine chemicals, etc. have progressed according to schedule during the last six months. The following notable developments have taken place during this period:—

(i) On 17th August 1987, a mine site of 150,000 sq. km. in the Central Indian Ocean has been allotted to India by the United Nations Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority for further exploration and development. India is the first country in the world to have received such an allotment. The registration certificate has since been received from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(ii) A 92 member Seventh Antarctic Expedition Team left Goa 25th November, 1987 and reached Antarctica on 21st December. The expedition has been undertaking important scientific investigations in various disciplines such as geology, geophysics, geo-magnetics, meteorology, upper atmosphere, etc.

(iii) India participated in the International Ocean Festival in Mauritius in September, 1987. At the request of the Government of Mauritius, the Oceanographic Research Vessel Sagar Kanya was deployed for a period of 30 days for carrying out a survey in the Economic Zone of Mauritius.

(iv) A sea trial experiment to test the techniques developed in the laboratory for harnessing energy from waves has been cleared to be initiated at Vizhingam near Trivandrum by IIT, Madras.

Diversion of funds meant for Central Sponsored Schemes

1005. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about the diversion of funds meant for centrally sponsored schemes by some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) No, Sir. No such complaint has been received in Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

United Nation's document on per capita income

1006. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest document of United Nations, per capita income in India is well below to that of many Asian and African countries;

(b) what is the maximum limit of per capita income as per UN norms (in Dollars and Converted into Rupees) for a country to be considered as a poor country; and

(c) the per capita income of the poor countries as per the latest UN document?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE